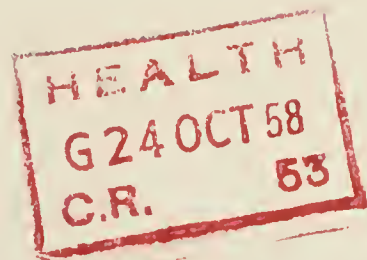


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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1957.

To The Chairman & Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman & Members,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1957 for the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. In the text of this report, unless there is some matter which requires particular comment in respect of one district, reference will only be made to the area as a whole under the designation of the Ryedale Area.

W.R.M. COUPER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

STAFF OF DISTRICT COUNCILS (AT 31.12.56).

DISTRICT	MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	HEALTH INSPECTORS
Helmsley Rural	W.R.M. Couper, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Health Office, Train Lane, Pickering.	F.W. Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. C.H. Carr, M.A.P.H.I. C.R.S.I.
Kirkbymoorside Rural	- do -	F.W. Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. G. Stephenson, A.R.S.A. M.A.I.A.
Malton Rural	- do -	W.E. Wigglesworth, M.A.I.A., C.R.S.I.
Malton Urban	- do -	J.L. Tong, C.R.S.I.
Pickering Rural	- do -	P. Pickering, M.R.S.I. M.A.I.A.
Pickering Urban	- do -	G. Batty, C.R.S.I.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA. The Ryedale Area, which is referred to in the text of this report comprises the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. This area is mainly agricultural in nature, more heavily populated in the areas near the townships of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and thinly populated in the dales and moorland districts in the northern part of the area.

POPULATION The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population 1957 is 29,290 - the population in 1954, 1955 and 1956 was estimated at 29,220, 29,250 and 29,380 respectively.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS & BIRTH RATES The number of live births in 1957 was 386, this is five less than in 1956. The adjusted birth rate was 15.5 per 1000 population compared with 16.1 per 1000 for England and Wales.

ILLEGITIMACY There were 16 illegitimate births in 1957, compared with 11 in 1956 and 18 in 1955.

STILL BIRTHS In 1957 there were 9 still births which was the same number as in 1956.

DEATHS & DEATH RATE The adjusted death rate for 1957 was 11.3 per 1000 population as compared with 11.5 for England and Wales.

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY The infant mortality and neonatal mortality rates were the same 18.1 per 1000 live births. The infant mortality rate for England and Wales was 23.0 per 1000 live births and the neonatal mortality rate 16.5.

MATERNAL MORTALITY There were no maternal deaths in 1957. No maternal deaths occurred in 1955 and 1956.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH 215 persons died of diseases of the heart and circulating system a rate of 7.34 per 1000 population. 43 people died of cancer a rate of 1.47 per 1000 population. The death rates per 1000 of the population from diseases of the heart and circulating and cancer in 1956 were 7.01 and 2.14.

NATURAL INCREASE During the year there were 386 live births and 345 deaths. The natural increase (i.e. excess of live births over deaths) was 41. The natural increase in 1956 was 52.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES During the year there was a considerable epidemic of measles affecting mostly the Malton and Pickering Urban and Rural Districts. There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Poliomyelitis. 2.

SECTION 'A'.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS.

TABLE 1.

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of inhabited houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate
Helmsley Rural	5,360	67,750	1377	£38591	£144
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,930	51,000	1520	£31266	£118
Malton Rural	5,550	47,078	1824	£33922	£132
Malton Urban	4,160	4,016	1349	£48657	£194
Pickering Rural	5,090	76,685	1756	£32046	£125
Pickering Urban	4,200	15,652	1400	£36807	£150
All Districts	29,290	262,181	9220	£221289	

VITAL STATISTICS.

TABLE 11. - LIVE BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Live Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	27	28	55
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62
Malton Rural	44	36	80
Malton Urban	29	29	58
Pickering Rural	38	33	71
Pickering Urban	25	35	60
All Districts	191	195	386

TABLE 111 - STILL BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Still Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1
Malton Rural	3	-	3
Malton Urban	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	-	2	2
Pickering Urban	-	1	1
All Districts	4	5	9

TABLE 1V - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE & ILLEGITIMATE, MALE & FEMALE.

District	Legitimate			Illegitimate		Male & Female	Total Male & Female
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female		
Helmsley Rural	26	26	52	1	3	4	56
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62	1	-	1	63
Malton Rural	44	36	80	3	-	3	83
Malton Urban	28	29	57	1	1	2	59
Pickering Rural	36	34	70	2	-	2	72
Pickering Urban	25	33	58	-	4	4	62
All Districts	187	192	379	8	8	16	395

TABLE V.

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. Live Births per 1000 estimated population), Still Birth Rate (i.e. Still Births per 1000 Total Births).

District	Crude Live Birth rate	Still Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.3	17.9
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.6	15.9
Malton Rural	14.4	36.1
Malton Urban	13.9	17.0
Pickering Rural	14.0	27.8
Pickering Urban	14.3	16.1
All Districts	12.8	22.8
England & Wales	16.1	22.4

TABLE VI.

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

Number of deaths							
District	Under 1 year			Under 1 month			All infant deaths
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Malton Rural	2	-	2	2	-	2	2
Malton Urban	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	2	1	3	2	1	3	3
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	6	1	7	6	1	7	7

TABLE VII.

Maternal Deaths i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth, and abortion.

There were no maternal deaths during 1957.

TABLE VIII.

DEATHS.

Causes of deaths by districts for year ended December 31st, 1957.

Cause of Death	District																		All Districts						
	Helmsley						K/M'side						Malton							Pickering					
	Rural			Urban			Rural			Urban			Rural			Urban				Rural			Urban		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T		M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	5	2	7	
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	8	-	8	
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	1	4	5	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	3	4	4	-	1	3	4	4	1	-	1	11	12	23	
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	6	11	6	4	10	4	7	11	-	6	8	14	12	-	4	8	4	3	7	10	28	40	68	
Coronary disease, angina	9	6	15	5	2	7	5	5	10	-	8	4	12	12	7	1	1	1	2	15	5	43	28	71	
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	5	4	9	
Other heart disease	3	-	3	12	4	16	2	3	5	1	3	1	3	9	7	4	1	1	11	11	28	19	47		
Other circulatory disease	-	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	8	2	3	1	5	1	3	8	8	12	20	
Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	5	6	
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	5	7	
Bronchitis	1	-	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5	-	4	1	1	1	3	11	11	3	14	
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2		
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	-	4	
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	3	3	6	1	2	3	2	3	5	1	3	3	6	7	-	4	3	3	1	-	-	13	14	27	
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	
All other accidents	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	2	6	
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	27	23	51	39	20	59	25	29	54		29	22	51	33	35	68	28	31	59		185	160	345		

TABLE IX.

Infant Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 month per 1000 live births, Maternal Mortality (i.e. number of maternal deaths per 1000 total births) and Crude Death Rate (i.e. number of deaths per 1000 of estimated population.

RATES

District	Infant Mortality	Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	Death Rate
Helmsley Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.1
Kirbymoorside Rural	16.1	16.1	Nil	12.0
Malton Rural	25.0	25.0	Nil	9.7
Malton Urban	17.2	17.2	Nil	12.3
Pickering Rural	42.3	42.3	Nil	13.4
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	Nil	14.0
All Districts	18.1	18.1	Nil	11.8
England & Wales	23.0	16.5	0.47	11.5

TABLE X.

COMPARISON OF BIRTH & DEATH RATES.

The crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution differs from that of England & Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Death Rate			Birth Rate		
	Crude Death Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.1	1.10	11.2	10.3	1.34	13.8
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.0	0.89	10.7	12.6	1.14	14.4
Malton Rural	9.7	0.97	9.4	14.4	1.14	16.4
Malton Urban	12.3	0.98	12.1	13.9	1.09	15.2
Pickering Rural	13.4	0.84	11.3	14.0	1.20	17.0
Pickering Urban	14.0	0.92	12.9	14.3	1.14	16.3
All districts	11.8	-	11.3	12.8	-	15.5
England & Wales	11.5	-	11.5	16.1	-	16.1

TABLE XI.

Principal Causes of Deaths by Districts and rates
per 1000 of population.

District	Cancer		Diseases of heart & Circulation		Respiratory Diseases excluding Tuberculosis	
	No Of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population
Helmsley	10	1.87	31	5.80	3	0.56
Kirbymoorside	7	1.42	37	7.51	6	1.22
Malton Rural	8	1.44	29	5.23	3	0.54
Malton Urban	7	1.68	31	7.45	2	0.48
Pickering Rural	8	1.57	43	8.45	6	1.18
Pickering Urban	3	0.71	44	10.48	3	0.71
RYEDALE AREA	43	1.47	215	7.34	23	0.79

TABLE XII.

Live Births and Deaths by Districts and Natural
Increase, i.e. excess of births over deaths and
Natural Increase per 1000 population.

District	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Natural Increase per 1000 population.
Helmsley	55	54	1	0.2
Kirbymoorside	62	59	3	0.6
Malton Rural	80	54	26	4.7
Malton Urban	58	51	7	1.7
Pickering Rural	71	68	3	0.6
Pickering Urban	60	59	1	0.2
RYEDALE AREA	386	345	41	1.4

SECTION 'B'.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.TABLE 1.NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS DURING
THE YEAR 1957.

District	Cases Notified							
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Epidemiology	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Cerebro Spinal Fever
Helmsley Rural	7	-	51	4	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	2	-	20	1	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	2	-	202	1	1	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	1	179	-	1	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	1	1	177	-	-	2	-	1
Pickering Urban	-	-	213	1	1	-	-	-
All Districts	12	2	842	7	3	2	-	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS.TABLE 11.NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1957.

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Helmsley Rural	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
All Districts	4	-	3	-	2	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton, a van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee in the Urban districts of Malton & Pickering, and the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton & Pickering.

(a) Care of Mothers and Young Children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale Area.

In places where no Clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary vaccination against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioner in their surgeries and in the home.

During the year 1,635 children received a complete course of poliomyelitis vaccine.

(e) Domestic Help Service.

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the Mother, and to the aged and infirm.

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Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supply.

Analysis of Water Samples.

<u>Public Supply.</u>	<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
	Barton-le-Street.	1.	
	Barton-le-Willows.	1.	
	Coneysthorpe.	9.	
	Terrington.	1.	
	Broughton.	1.	
	Amotherby.	2.	
	Bulmer.	1.	
	Thornton-le-Clay.	1.	
	Pump House Amotherby (raw water).	1.	
	Total.	<u>18.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
<u>Private Supplies.</u>	Howsham Gates.		3.
	Crambeck.		1.
	Total.	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>4</u>

The unsatisfactory samples from the two private supplies have both been dealt with. The British Railways have carried out effective cleansing to the well and the cottage at Crambeck is now vacant and condemned.

Details of water supplies in the area are as follows:-

Houses connected to publicly owned water supply:-

- (a) Number with water laid to house - 1546.
- (b) Number served by standpipe - 250.
- (c) Number supplied by private springs, wells etc. - 60.

Refuse Disposal.

Over the past few years steadily increasing quantities of refuse have been collected as more and more cottages have taken full advantage of the service, and some modification of the present system will become necessary in the next year. The problem of unsuitable containers is rapidly becoming acute for much time is wasted and misunderstandings are occurring through refuse being left for collection in sacks, old buckets, oil drums and other miscellaneous containers.

I am of the opinion that because of the limited number of properties having standard dustbins - these are almost exclusively limited to Council Houses - the most suitable method of remedying the condition is by the provision of dustbins by the Local Authority with an annual charge to the public on the rate demand notice.

The collection, which is still at monthly intervals, has given rise to a number of complaints during the year and no doubt when economic conditions permit it, frequency of collection should be improved.

Sewage Disposal.

During the year work was commenced on the Slingsby Sewage Scheme, which will bring water borne sanitation to approximately 120 more houses in the area. The advantage which has been taken of the Sewage Works provided for the Street Villages, Welburn and Brawby has been very considerable and notable improvements to properties have resulted by the provision of this service.

Again samples taken of the effluent from the various works were classified as highly satisfactory. This result again reflected the ability of your operator, whose work is worthy of commendation.

Food.

All shops and food preparing premises were inspected during the year. No outbreak of food poisoning has occurred.

Synopsis of Inspections Made.

Dwelling Houses:-

Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	212.
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	14
Overcrowding.	...	...	...	...	11.
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Improvement Grants (Section 20)	...	...	...	...	307.

Sanitary Conveniences:-

Ashpits and Privies	...	...	...	...	12.
Water Closets.	...	...	...	...	62.
Chemical Closets.	...	...	...	...	6.

Refuse Disposal:-

Tips	...	...	...	...	2.
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	14.

Drains and Sewers:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	292.
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	48.
Water Tested	...	...	...	...	61.
Public Urinals	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Factories:-

With mechanical power	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	1
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Food:-

Inspection	...	...	...	...	182.
Condemnations	...	...	...	...	38.

Food Storage (Preparation etc):-

Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	3.
Fish friers	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Sampling:-

Water	...	...	...	...	22.
Milk	...	...	...	...	-

Miscellaneous:-

New buildings	...	...	...	...	...	286
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	5
Gutters and water courses	...	...	...	...	...	38
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	29
Petroleum Licences	...	...	...	...	...	21
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	5
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	83
Verminous houses	...	...	...	...	...	5
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	212
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	35
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Total Inspections 2011.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Minor disinfection works have been carried out during the year.

Shops Act, 1934.

Six inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no trades under this heading.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the district all of which are used for public slaughtering. All slaughterhouses are maintained in a clean condition and the quality of meat slaughtered has been high. There are four licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Action has been taken under this heading in respect of 2 houses during the year.

Schools.

The school canteens which have been regularly inspected have proved to be well run and kept in a clean condition.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area rose from 761 in 1956 to 995 in 1957. 100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered has been made, as a result of which 1003 lbs of meat and 286 lbs of offal was condemned as unfit.

This work entailed 182 visits, some of which entailed week-end working and overtime.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle. excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	244	Nil	Nil	497	254
Number inspected	244	Nil	Nil	497	254
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	2	3
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	19	-	-	1	5
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis.	8.2%	-	-	.603%	3.1%
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	2.
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	6	-	-	-	4.
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	2.459%	-	-	-	2.36.

No cases of cysticercosis were observed.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Registration of premises under Section 14:

Ice Cream dealers	8.
Ice Cream manufacturers	Nil.
Meat preparation	Nil.
Fish friers.	2.

Septic Tanks and Cesspools.

A considerable amount of time has been taken up by the cleansing of septic tanks and cesspools and by the general maintenance of housing estate drainage systems. The service of emptying cesspools by mechanical means has been in use during the year. Much useful work has been done in this field and the condition of many of the tanks considerably improved.

Open Ditches.

All ditches are now cleansed at least once annually and a number twice yearly, their condition generally can be regarded as satisfactory.

Housing.

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

by local authority	...	...	...	...	4.
by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	7.
number of houses under construction					
by Local Authority					6.

The 4 houses erected by the Local Authority were as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Type.</u>
Whitwell-upon-the-Hill.	4	Traditional.

2. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... 245.

3. Remedy of Defects During the Year.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved -15.

4. Action under Statutory Powers During the Year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair ... Nil.

2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(b) by local authority in lieu of owners	...				Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil.

2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(b) by local authority in default of owners.					Nil.

C. Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 7.

2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil.

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. 3.

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

- A. 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 6.
2. Number of families dwelling therein 9
3. Number of persons dwelling therein 53.
- B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. 4.
- C. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 2.
- D. Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. Nil.
- E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report Nil

6. Housing Act, 1949.

Twenty applications for improvement grants were received during the year, all of which were approved.

The policy of the Council in fully implementing this Act is now resulting in a steady improvement in the amenities afforded to sub-standard properties and doing much to realise the aim of the Act in bringing back older houses into a good state of habitation.